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CONTROLLED EXTERNAL)
VISUAL INDICATOR FOR)
GAMING MACHINE)
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IN THE CLAIMS:

The amended claims 1, 15 and 18 should appear as follows:

1. (Amended) A gaming machine comprising:
a user input panel;
a processor connected to the input panel and adapted to be programmed in response to an
input operation by a user;
an external visual indicator mounted to the gaming machine and including multiple LEDs
providing a color display including illumination of multiple colors; and
the programmed processor providing for the control of the color display of the external
visual indicator.

15. (Amended) The gaming machine of claim 14 wherein the processor includes all
other components and functions in order to operate the gaming machine and provides for a main
processor.

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18. (Amended) A method of promoting the use of gaming machines via the use of computer programmed external visual indicators, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a gaming machine having a programmable external visual indicator including LEDs connected to a processor of the gaming machine;

coordinating the external visual indicator with a first special event of the gaming machine;

programming the processor so that a first customized illumination pattern is provided by the external visual indicator in order to designate the first special event; and

automatically triggering the first customized illumination pattern of the external visual indicator upon the occurrence of the first special event.

Respectfully submitted,

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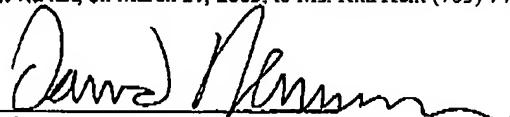


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